

BOOK NOTICE

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DENISE WILES ADAMS. 2004. **Restoring American Gardens: An Encyclopedia of Heirloom Ornamental Plants, 1640-1940.** (ISBN 0-88192-619-1, hbk.). Timber Press, Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$39.95. 420 pp., 155 color photos, 37 b/w photos, 154 line drawings, 1 table, 8 1/2" x 11".

The meat of this great book is the "Encyclopedia of Heirloom Ornamental Plants." The heirlooms are alphabetical under broad categories like Heirloom Trees, Heirloom Ornamental Shrubs, Heirloom Bulbs and Tuberosus Plants, Heirloom Roses, etc. Each heirloom plant is listed with most of the following descriptive information: **1)** Scientific name, **2)** Common names, **3)** Synonym, **4)** Family, **5)** Nativity [native or exotic], **6)** Date of introduction into North America, **7)** Earliest American citation, **8)** Hardiness zone, **9)** Description, **10)** Design notes, **11)** Remarks, **12)** Heirloom varieties, **13)** Related species, and **14)** Historical commercial sources.

I really like this book a lot! It is filled with hard to find information, great images of plants from old catalogs, as well as beautiful colored plates of the past three centuries, and modern color photographs.—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-4060, U.S.A.*